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1. Up to 10 October 1951 some 200 Tibetans, including 29 women, had been arrested by the Chinese Communists in Tibet for refusing to sell foodstuffs such as wheat and butter to the Chinese. Their refusal was a protest against the search of Gatza monastery, a small lamasery on the outskirts of Lhasa, by Communist spies and police, who failed to find the arms they expected to discover hidden under the altar, and left the altar in disorder.
2. The arrest of these Tibetans occasioned widespread resentment in Tibet. The authorities described those arrested as robbers and animal thieves, and warned the Tibetan people against being taken in by their anti-social activities.
3. Anti-Communist leaflets have been posted on the street walls in Lhasa, Zhikatse and Gyantse, and have been quickly removed by the Communist authorities.
4. The Chinese Communist authorities have instructed their men to commit no act which might offend the sentiments of the Tibetan people.
5. Takte Rimpochhe, the former regent, made a tour of the affected areas, accompanied by high-ranking Tibetan and Chinese officials, carrying on a campaign of pacification, urging the people to be loyal to the authorities. The Communists have widely distributed photographs of the Dalai Lama sitting with General CHANG Ching-wu, the reception given by the Dalai Lama at Lhasa to the Chinese and Tibetan officials, and the reception given by MAO Tse-tung to the Tibetan delegates in Peiping. In a broadcast to the Tibetan people, CHANG Ching-wu assured them: "The Dalai Lama is the supreme authority in Tibet, and his Holiness will never be replaced. All talk of his removal is nonsense."
6. The four Tibetans who were arrested in connection with a plot to murder CHANG Ching-wu were: Kongyi Sakpa, aged about 22; Gyalen Tashi, aged 24; Singhi Layuk, aged 26; and Chhiten Trupche. All four were from Lhasa, educated, politically conscious, and all had at some time visited India.

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